

Hartford Elementary



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Veterans' Day Program

We will be holding a Veterans' Day Program on **Thursday, November 10th @ 10:00 am** at the Hartford Elementary Gym. The public is welcome to attend. We will once again have an informational program that will help to teach our children about the service others have given for our country.

Our speaker this year will be Tom Mitchell. We will hear several classes sing, along with some music from the HS/MS students. Our Hartford American Legion will be there to show us proper flag folding. Hope to see you there!



Don't forget about conferences...

Thursday, November 3rd

4:30 - 8:00

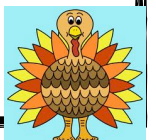
Monday, November 7th

4:30 - 8:00



November Events:

- Tuesday, Nov. 1 - Bookmobile
- Tuesday, Nov. 1 - PTA Monthly Meeting @ HS Library - 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Nov. 3 - P/T Conferences 4:30 - 8:00 and Scholastic Book Fair
- Thursday, Nov. 3 - Second grade pick up fundraising items
- Saturday, Nov. 5 - Flu shots 8:00 - Noon Hartford Elementary Conference Room
- Monday, Nov. 7 - P/T Conferences 4:30 - 8:00 and Scholastic Book Fair
- Thursday, Nov. 10 - 1st Grade Hearing Screenings
- Thursday, Nov. 10 - Veterans' Day Program @ 10:00 am - Parents & public welcome!
- Friday, Nov. 11 - No School
- Wednesday, Nov. 16 - Early Dismissal @ 1:30
- Friday, Nov. 18 - Trojan Buck Store
- Friday, Nov. 18 - Donuts for Dads 7:15 - 8:30am
- Friday, Nov. 18 - PTA Game Night @ 6:00 Hartford Elementary Lunchroom
- Tuesday, Nov. 22 - Bookmobile
- Wednesday, Nov. 23 - Early Dismissal @ 2:30
- Thursday, Nov. 24 - No School
- Friday, Nov. 25 - No School



The October Birthday Bash

The Hartford Elementary October Birthday Bash was held on Monday, October 3rd. Students listened to Principal Tyler read Happy Birthday to You! by Dr. Seuss. They also received a birthday card, pencil, Trojan Buck and fruit snack. Happy Birthday to all the October birthdays!



October Kindergarten Birthday Bash

Back Row: Caitlyn (10-5), Layton (10-2), Savannah (10-20), Emily (10-4), Taylor (10-29), and Kelsey (10-8)
Front Row: Benjamin (10-9), Brayden (10-11), Hailey (1-2), Shealyn (10-18), Henry (10-12), and Maison (10-26)



First Grade October Birthday Bash

Back Row: Emma (10-3), Aubree (10-7), Jacob (10-17), Kaylyn (10-27), and Adelynn (10-28)
Front Row: Dahne (10-30), Xander (10-21), and Landon (10-29)



Second Grade October Birthday Bash

Back Row: Lillian (10-8), Lainey (10-8), Kaitlyn (10-2), Tommy (10-18), Bennett (10-14), and Logan (10-16)
Front Row: Hannah (10-15), McKenna (10-14), and Chloe (10-30)

TYLER TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 8TH

11:00 AM

**FOR NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS!**

**CALL PAM @ 528-3215 TO
REGISTER**

Fire Prevention Week October 10th - 14th

Thanks to the Hartford Fire and Rescue who talked with our 1st and 2nd grade students during Fire Prevention Week!



The Giving Tree

If you've never read the book "The Giving Tree" with your child, you should. It is a great story. In keeping with the Giving Tree theme, we are again having our giving tree in our foyer. It is our Christmas tree that has the ages and wishes of students from our district who need a helping hand this Christmas season. If you are in need of assistance for your child this season, please call Pam or me at 528-3215 and we can put student information (not names) on our tags. We keep the names and families confidential. If you are able to help this Christmas season, please take a tag (or two) and purchase what is on the tag. Return the tag to school with the gift by Friday, December 9th. We will see that the items get delivered to the families in time for Christmas. Thanks in advance for helping!





Collect Capri-Sun Pouches!

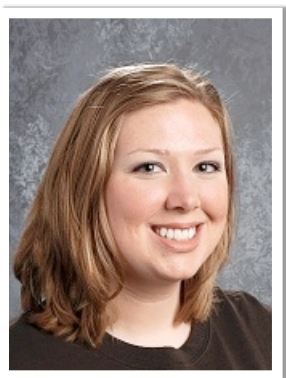
The West Central PTA is asking you to collect Capri-Sun Pouches. Our school will receive \$.02 each for every pouch. Send Capri-Sun Pouches to Hartford Elementary in addition to the box tops and Campbell's labels. This is another great way to stay "green" and help out your school. Special thanks to the WC PTA for bringing forward this idea.



Hiked it! Biked it! We liked it!

We walked and biked to school on "International Walk to School Day". Students received a wrist band that said, "Hike it! Bike it! I like it!" They also received a water with a flavor packet and a sticker. A big thank you to all the Hartford Elementary Staff for helping out at every corner of our building! Another thank you to all the parents who walked/biked with their children!





Nurse's Notes

by Rachel Sehr, School Nurse

November is a very busy month in the health office. We are wrapping up our last of three very successful influenza vaccination clinics. Over 330 students, a slight increase from last year, were vaccinated at the West Central Schools as well as many others at outside facilities. Hopefully, this will decrease the cases of influenza brought into the school so we are able to keep our attendance numbers up through the winter months.

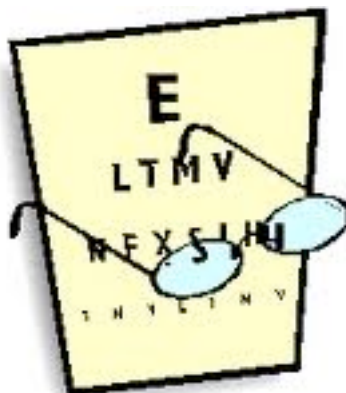
The Sertoma Club is here during the second week of November to check the 1,3, and 5 grade students' hearing. Children needing further assessment will be retested by the SD School for the Deaf in December. Parents' of any student needing further evaluation or treatment at that time will be notified.

We will also be doing health assessments again on all 1-5 grade students. The assessments will cover height and weight, visual acuity, appearance of inner and outer ears and hearing (for 2nd and 4th graders only), appearance of mouth and throat, blood

pressure, heart rate and rhythm, breathing rate and lung sounds. All information will be kept confidential and parents will be notified of any abnormal findings. Heights and weights will also be reported to the state of South Dakota to aid in their ongoing obesity studies. No student names will be attached to the information sent to the state. Assessments will begin in the Humboldt Elementary and will continue over the course of the next couple months until all students have been assessed.

If you have any questions or concerns, or do not want your child to participate in any of the above events, please notify the school nurse, Rachel Sehr, at Rachel. Sehr@k12.sd.us or 528-3321, Ext 1410.

Remember, plenty of rest, exercise, proper nutrition, and good hygiene go a long way in the prevention of most common illnesses!



Save the Dates!

If you have a child who will turn five by September 1st, 2012, please put these dates on your calendar.

Kindergarten Registration

Please call 528-3215 (press 0) to register your child and sign up for a screening time by Friday, February 3rd.

Kindergarten Screening Days

Tuesday, March 27th @
Humboldt Elementary 4:00 -
8:00 pm

Thursday, March 29th @
Hartford Elementary 8:00 am
- 8:00 pm

Because we need the kindergarten teachers to administer the screening, there will be NO Kindergarten classes on Thursday, March 29th and Friday, March 30th. Parents of current kindergarten students will need to make other arrangements for their child on those dates.

Cold Weather Dress & Information



Now that the weather is turning colder, it's important to have your child dressed for outdoor recess. Children are outdoors until 8:25 each morning. They also have a 15 minute recess before lunch and another 15 minute recess in the afternoon. We are outdoors unless the weather is below 0 in actual temperature or with the wind chill.

Even if the temperature has a high of 70 degrees, the temperature at 8:00 am might be coat, hat, and glove weather. If you're missing any cold weather items - check out our lost and found table by the front door.

When school has a late start due to inclement weather, the early morning KARE Supervision Program will not be available. Please make other arrangements for your child on those days. Also, the food service does not serve breakfast on late start days.

If school is dismissed early, please listen to the news stations or check email/phone messages for a message from School Reach. KARE will not be held on those days so we can get the students home in a timely manner.

Thank you!

Reflections

by Mrs. Tyler

I was able to attend the Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls on a beautiful Saturday in early October. On my way home from the parade I swung by a local fast food burger place to pick up a hamburger for my husband who was combining beans. What happened next is something that will always stay with me.



I was in the drive through and I was at a place where there are two entrances to the restaurant, but only one works well for the drive through. There was a pickup behind me and a car cut in front of the pickup via the "not drive through" drive way. What happened next was so sad. The pickup driver started yelling and hand signaling the driver of the car. The driver of the car returned the gestures and foul language.

As I looked in my rear view mirror and listened (since my window was down for the drive through),

I noticed that both cars had kids in them. The car directly behind me had a middle school age boy and the pickup had a young child.

I'm not much of a "spur of the moment" person, but when I got to the window to pay, I asked the lady if I could pay for the two vehicles behind me. She gave me a puzzled look, but told me I could. I explained that there had been some verbal exchanges with the two vehicles and I wanted the kids in those cars to witness something better than what the dads were showing them.

So my \$2.11 bill came to about \$25.00, but I gladly paid it. The clerk then asked me what she should tell them. I said, "Tell them to have a better day."

As I drove away with my burgers in tow, the car behind me was at the window. He honked and waved. It made me smile to see the five finger wave instead of the signals he had given just moments before.

I just hope the lesson in kindness will stick with those kids longer than the anger displayed by their fathers. Students only learn kindness when that action is displayed on a daily basis. How were you kind to others today?

IF KIDS CAN HEAR PROMISES, THEY CAN HEAR REQUESTS

Getting your child to listen to you is easier than it sounds © 2001 By Jim Fay

You can train your child to hear you the first time you say something. Or, you can train them to ignore you. Raising a child who listens to adults is a source of joy. Raising one who doesn't is a constant source of frustration and torment. Our actions either train kids to listen or not to listen. Consider this situation I witnessed in an airport recently. Joshua, a five-year-old, was running out into the concourse.

"Joshua. You stop that running!" called his mother. She did not follow through, so Joshua continued dashing in and out of a crowd of irritated travelers.

"Joshua. You get over here!" Once more, she barked an order, but did nothing to enforce it.

"Joshua! Get off of that!" Another order was shouted by mom and ignored by Joshua. Suddenly, Joshua was right at my feet staring up at me.

Mother ordered again, "Joshua. You get away from that man. You come over here. Quit bothering people." I looked down at Joshua and asked, "Joshua, what's your mom going to do if you don't do what she says?" He knew the answer immediately, "Nothing."

Of course he was right. His mother had trained him to know that she would bark orders, but never enforce them. Why should he listen if he could do as he pleased — without adult interference — by not listening? In fact, Joshua never had to walk back to his mother in the airport. She came over to him, held his hand, and apologized to me with, "I'm so sorry. You know how five-year-olds are. They won't listen to a thing you say." It took a lot to keep me from saying, "I've known a lot of five-year-olds who listen to their parents. But their parents mean what they say."

Training kids to listen is not brain surgery. It's not complicated. Joshua's mom could retrain him to listen by first retraining herself to do the following:

1. **Make a commitment she will never repeat herself.** Kids unconsciously learn how many times each parent will repeat a request before taking action. She can give Joshua the gift of knowing she will only say something once.

2. **Be prepared to act.** She needs to be dedicated to making her child's life somewhat uncomfortable each time he fails to listen the first time she says something. This means as soon as he disobeys she goes to him, takes him back to his seat, and makes him stay with her saying, "How sad not to listen. Now you can stay with me."

3. **She should never accept, "But I didn't hear you," as an excuse.** When confronted with this excuse, she should respond with, "How sad not to be listening. Maybe your ears will get better." It is important she says this without sarcasm and follows through with the consequences of not listening.

4. **Be prepared for Joshua to have a fit about not getting his way.** Even though this will be uncomfortable, other adults around her will secretly applaud her courage and willingness to put forth the efforts to raise a well-behaved child.

5. **Get ready to enjoy a more responsible and happier child.**

I have worked with kids and families for 47 years. During that time I have never met a child who failed to hear a parent's promise. They always hear promises the first time. I've also learned their ears work the same way for requests when parents learn and follow the four steps I've outlined.

Training and expecting kids to listen is one of a parent's greatest gifts. It's the Love and Logic way.

Jim Fay is president and co-founder of the The Love and Logic® Institute in Golden, Colo., and co-author of the new book, *Love and Logic Magic: When Kids Leave You Speechless*.

Help Us Save!

Check out the following ways to help us out!



Box Tops for Education

Just clip, put in a baggie and return to school!
There is also a drop box at Sunshine.



Save Five for Schools

Just wash these milk and juice lids and send to school in a baggie (or Sunshine). Watch for store specials! We need the WHOLE lid!



Labels for Education

This is not just Campbell's Soup Labels anymore! There are many products that qualify. Check it out at labelsforeducation.com. You can send labels to school with your child or drop in box @ Sunshine.

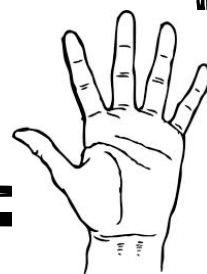
Cell Phones/Ink Cartridges

You can drop off old cell phones or ink cartridges and we can recycle and get money back. There is a box inside our front door.

Lunch Schedules

If you want to come and eat with your child, here are the lunch schedules:

- 1A 11:10 - 11:40 - Mrs. Knuth
- 1B 11:15 - 11:45 - Mrs. Underberg
- 1C 11:20 - 11:50 - Mrs. O'Hara
- 1D 11:25 - 11:55 - Mrs. Graff
- 1E 11:30 - 12:00 - Ms. Henry
- KA 11:40 - 12:10 - Mrs. Wolles
- KB 11:45 - 12:15 - Mrs. Even
- KC 11:50 - 12:20 - Mrs. Cole
- KD 11:55 - 12:25 - Mrs. Weber
- 2A 12:05 - 12:35 - Mrs. Mriden
- 2B 12:10 - 12:40 - Mrs. Spielmann
- 2C 12:15 - 12:45 - Mr. Jacobs



Helping Hands

Please consider taking a "Helping Hand" for your child's teacher. These are items needed for the classroom that are not in the classroom budget. You can really make a difference! Just choose a hand from the classroom door at conferences, purchase the item(s) for the teacher, and send it to school with your child. Thank you for your generosity!

CGI Corner

Sally has 87 pictures. She can put 10 pictures on each page. How many pages will she need to put all her pictures into an album?

